

Application for Initial Certification as an Emergency Medical Dispatcher

Section of Community Health & Emergency Medical Services

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Name:	SSN:
Address:	Date of Birth:
	Home Phone:
	Work Phone:

<i>Emergency Medical Dispatcher Training</i>			
Subject	Date	Instructor	Hours
Initial training as an EMD			
Most recent refresher training as an EMD			

<i>Emergency Medical Dispatcher Medical Director Verification</i>	
Agency for which individual serves as an EMD:	Name of physician medical director for emergency medical dispatch service:
As a recognized representative of the emergency medical dispatch service, I attest that the individual named above is working for the agency listed above and that the physician medical director has agreed to fulfill the responsibilities outlined in 7 AAC 26.655.	
<hr/> Printed Name and Title	
<hr/> Signature	<hr/> Date

Application Checklist

The following should be sent to the Section of Community Health and Emergency Medical Services:

- ☐ Completed, signed and notarized application for certification.
- ☐ Evidence of successful completion of a department-approved Emergency Medical Services Dispatcher Training Program.
- ☐ Evidence of a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation credential from a nationally recognized CPR training agency listed on the CHEMS web site. The certification must be for adult, child, and infant CPR and airway obstruction relief maneuvers.
- ☐ A check or money order for \$10 made payable to the Section of Community Health and Emergency Medical Services.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION AND VERIFYING SIGNATURE

I, _____, residing at _____

_____, authorize the Department of Health and Social Services, Section of Community Health and Emergency Medical Services, to examine my EMS education records and any law enforcement records pertaining directly to this application for certification, and to discuss them with persons having possession of them. I also expressly permit and authorize release of such records pertaining directly to this application for certification to the Department of Health and Social Services, Section of Community Health and Emergency Medical Services.

I request that, upon presentation of this release, or a true copy, that you provide copies of those records to the Section of Community Health and EMS and/or representatives of the office of the Attorney General of the State of Alaska.

I authorize the Section of Community Health and EMS to discuss my records with persons or organizations which are considered appropriate by the Section in connection with an official investigation, and to provide copies of my records to those persons or organizations, if appropriate.

I understand that records disclosed to the department may become part of a public record and may not be protected from further disclosure by law.

This authorization is given expressly in connection with my application for certification as an Emergency Medical Dispatcher, in Alaska. This authorization expires one year from the date of my signature or at the expiration of my certification, whichever is last.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant

Date

1. **(IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC, POSTMASTER, CLERK OF COURT, JUDGE, MAGISTRATE, STATE TROOPER OR AUTHORIZED STATE EMPLOYEE, IF SUCH OFFICIAL IS AVAILABLE, APPLICANT MUST SIGN HERE.)**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on this _____ day of _____, _____, before me appeared _____ to me known and known to me to be the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged voluntarily signing and sealing the same.

_____ My Commission Expires _____

(2) **(IF THERE IS NO NOTARY PUBLIC, POSTMASTER, CLERK OF COURT, JUDGE, MAGISTRATE, STATE TROOPER OR AUTHORIZED STATE EMPLOYEE AVAILABLE, APPLICANT AND CERTIFYING OFFICER MUST SIGN HERE.)**

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate. No Notary Public, Postmaster, Clerk of the Court, Judge, Magistrate, State Trooper or authorized State employee is available.

Signature of State Approved
EMS Certifying Officer

Location

Important Notes Regarding This Application

The information contained in this application for certification, and in your permanent EMS certification record at the State EMS Office, is considered a "Public Record" and is not protected from disclosure by law. By completing this application and signing it in the presence of a Notary Public or EMS Certifying Officer, you are confirming the accuracy of the information entered on the application.

Your EMS certification records may be retained in electronic, paper, and/or microfilm formats. You have the right to request a copy of your records at any time. Any individual has the right to inspect and copy public records under reasonable rules and during regular office hours. All requests must be made in writing. Information which is non-disclosable will not be made available.

The Department may charge a fee for searching and copying its records in accordance with AS 40.25.110 and 6 AAC 96.130.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to keep the Department informed of his or her current mailing address. The Department will send correspondence, including applications for recertification, to the address on file.

If an individual believes information contained in his or her certification records is incorrect, the individual should notify the Section of Community Health and EMS, in writing, of the perceived error.

For more information about public records in Alaska, the reader is directed to review AS 40.25.110 - 40.25.220 and 6 AAC 96.010 – 6 AAC 96.900.

Use of Social Security Numbers in Certification of EMS Personnel Under AS 18.08

Introduction and Overview: The Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. § 552a (1994) prohibits a federal, state or local government from denying an individual any right, benefit or privilege provided by law because of the individual's refusal to disclose his Social Security numbers (SSN). This section does not apply to any disclosure which is required by federal statute. The law further requires agencies collecting Social Security numbers to provide information about how the information will be used. This document provides information about the collection and use of Social Security numbers by the Section of Community Health and EMS (CHEMS) of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services for the purposes of certifying individuals under Alaska Statute 18.08.010 —18.08.090.

Under What Authority Does CHEMS Collect SSNs? Federal and state laws regarding child support enforcement and federal debt collection require state agencies to deny licenses to those who are significantly delinquent in paying their child support or student loan obligations. (See Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 - 42 USC 666(a)(13); Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 - 31 USC 7701(c) for more information).

Child Support. AS 25.27.244 (a) (Adverse Action Against Delinquent Obligor's Occupational License), requires the Child Support Enforcement Agency to provide a list of delinquent obligors to CHEMS each month and CHEMS must take action to withhold the occupational license of each identified delinquent obligor. The definition of "license" includes authorization under AS [18.08](#) to perform emergency medical services. AS 25.27.244(s)(2)(A)(iv).

Under AS 18.08.082, the department certifies emergency medical technicians, defibrillator technicians, emergency medical technician instructors, emergency trauma technician instructors, mobile intensive care paramedic course coordinators and emergency medical dispatchers. AS 18.05.030 compels the department to cooperate with the federal government and provide information it requires.

Student Loans. AS 14.43.148(a) (Nonrenewal of License) prohibits CHEMS from the renewing the license of a person who is in default on a loan made by the Commission on Postsecondary Education once it has received notice from the Commission that the individual is in default. AS 14.43.148 (h)(1)(A) (iv) defines "license" to include authorization under AS 18.08 to perform emergency medical services.

How the SSN is Used? To comply with federal and state laws, we use our certification data to confirm if licensees are in default of their child support and postsecondary education loans, based on the lists of defaulted obligors which are provided to CHEMS. CHEMS may provide limited certification data to the other agencies to clarify an ambiguous entry on the lists. In addition, the SSN is used within the EMS Test Correction system to match test scores electronically with certification records. SSNs are not used for other purposes and are not displayed on certification materials. Adverse actions against health care providers, e.g. revocation of certification, are required to be reported to the federal government. The provider's SSN will be reported as part of this required report.

Is Providing Your SSN Mandatory? Yes, for the reasons cited above, we are required to collect SSNs. Applications on which the SSN is not provided will be considered incomplete. The application will not be processed and no certificate will be issued until the SSN is provided. It should be noted that Social Security numbers can be assigned, by the Social Security Administration, to foreign workers who are authorized to work in the United States.

Summary: In order to become certified to provide emergency medical services under AS 18.08, a person must disclose their Social Security number. The Section of Community Health and EMS uses the number for purposes required by statute and internally to match test scores with certification records. SSNs are not disclosed except as required by law and efforts are made to maintain the security and privacy of personal information.